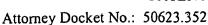
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## SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Stewart:

This is a supplemental response to the Final Office Action dated March 22, 2006, which has a shortened statutory period for reply that is set to expire on June 22, 2006. Since the last response to the final office action was not entered, Applicants believes that they have used the correct claim identifiers and are resubmitting the amendment to the specification.

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